

## **WLRN News July 1 - Sept 30, 2016**

### ***The Florida Roundup -***

Each week a panel of journalists and occasionally newsmakers from South Florida and around the state discuss the week in news. Broadcast Fridays at 12 noon and rebroadcast Saturday mornings, the hour-long program is hosted by Tom Hudson, Vice President of News at WLRN and former host of the Nightly Business Report. Listeners can join the conversation by telephone, email, posting to our Facebook page or tweeting @WLRN.

### **July 1 -**

New Details Expose Horror Inside Pulse Shooting, Election Chaos in Haiti & Algae Blooms

New details are emerging about the horror inside the Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando. Transcripts of police communications also raise questions about the law enforcement response. Why is it important to understand the police decisions involved, and what do these records indicate? 18:28

In Haiti, the election chaos continues. Parliament remains deeply divided over a provisional presidency that has expired. What is the international response to the political unrest? How has the Haitian community here in South Florida reacted? 16:34

Plus, Florida declares a state of emergency along the Treasure Coast as blue algae threatens the environment and economy. 14:47

### **July 8 - 51:00**

Algae Problem Worsens, No Contest For State Legislatures & Enterprise Florida

The algae problem in Lake Okeechobee is so bad it can be seen from space. The massive bloom continues fouling waterways on the Treasure Coast as new money is promised to help, but how would those dollars address the blue-green gunk fouling up waterways?

You did not miss Election Day, but about a dozen South Florida lawmakers already are assured they will be sent back to Tallahassee when the next legislative session begins in March. They are running unopposed. However, the districts they will represent in 2017 may be different than the areas that sent them to the capital two years ago. That's because of a long legal battle over political boundaries. So what did redistricting accomplish?

Plus, Enterprise Florida, the state's primary engine to help drive job growth, is shedding jobs itself. Meantime, new documents obtained by the Naples Daily News this week show the agency ballooned its executive payroll by \$600,000 over six years. So, what is the agency's reputation in the capital?

## **July 16 - 49:55**

Big Sugar's Hold On Florida, Venezuelan Crisis & Bahamas' Travel Advisory

Sugar is big business in Florida. And that means millions are going to lawmakers to protect those interests. But, is there a cost - especially to the environment? Also, how much deeper can the troubles in Venezuela go? Is the country reaching a tipping point?

Plus, the Bahamas is warning its residents to be careful when traveling to the U.S. It's related to the police violence in recent weeks. How should visitors think of our police...and is law enforcement here really anywhere near as bad as it is in other countries...like the Bahamas?

## **July 23 - 49:43**

Shooting in North Miami, Zika-mosquitos in Florida? U.S.-Cuba Relations

The shooting of Charles Kinsey has gathered national attention. He's a North Miami man, a therapist at a group home, who was shot by North Miami Police, while he was helping a 23-year-old man with severe autism. We look into the investigation and how police are trained to handle people with disabilities.

Also, Thursday evening, a second possible case of non-travel related mosquito-borne Zika infection was reported in south Florida. This time it is in Broward County. State officials were investigating a similar case in Miami-Dade. Are we doing enough to combat Zika?

## **July 29 -**

Locally Transmitted Zika, New Rules on Toxins in Water Supply & Politics

Local transmission of Zika by mosquitoes has been confirmed in Miami-Dade and Broward County. What does this mean for South Florida residents? 23:27

The Environmental Regulation Commission recently voted for new standards for more than 80 different toxic chemicals, some of them carcinogens, and just how much of each we're going to allow in our water supply. Environmental groups claim we are

putting Floridian's health in danger. We'll take a closer look at exactly what it is we're putting in our water. 15:44

Plus, it was a week ago when Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton introduced Miami to Vice Presidential candidate, Senator Tim Kaine from Virginia. And what to make of the GOP Presidential Candidate Donald Trump's comments on Russia. 10:43

## **Aug. 5 -**

The Zika Virus In South Florida

As local cases of Zika virus continue to increase, this week *The Florida Roundup* dedicated its full hour to an analysis of the political and economic dimensions of the outbreak of this virus in South Florida.

A square mile of Miami is now the hot zone for Zika and the threat of the virus-carrying mosquitoes. Pregnant women are warned about the neighborhood as aerial spraying begins. Where are the bugs? How big of a threat is Zika? And to whom? 28:26

With a small mosquito control budget in Miami-Dade, what are the local efforts to fight the pest? From cans of repellent to a plane spraying an insecticide over downtown Miami, Wynwood and parts of Overtown and Little Haiti, the battle continues. 7:15

And the politics over Zika money continues. Federal money to fight the virus is running low and Congress hasn't approved any more. We talk with Frederica Wilson, the Democratic congresswoman who represents the Zika district. 14:53

## **Aug 12 -**

Zika Update, Clinton & Trump In Florida, Sen. Negron's Lake O Proposal

The number of confirmed locally transmitted Zika cases continued rising this week. As of Thursday, the count was up to 25, but the 'Zika zone' in Wynwood shrunk by a few blocks. The fight against the virus has sparked health worries, for sure, as it has also brought criticism that health officials and mosquito control efforts were caught flat-footed despite months of warnings. 26:46

Also, Florida flexed its political muscle this week, seeing major campaign visits by both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. Meantime, in one of the most closely watched Congressional primaries, longtime incumbent -- and former chair of the Democratic Party -- Debbie Wasserman Schultz will debate her opponent, F-A-U law professor Tim Canova. 14:21

Plus, the incoming leader of the Florida Senate -- Republican Joe Negron from Stuart -- endorsed a multi-billion dollar plan that environmentalists have been calling for: buy acres of sugar land south of Lake O in order to store polluted water before letting it flow through the Everglades instead of out to sea. 9:36

## **Aug. 21 -**

Zika In Miami Beach, Florida Primary & Broward County School's SMART Program

According to the Governor's office, five cases of the Zika virus have been identified in Miami Beach. This as the tally of locally transmitted cases hits 36. So, what's new in the effort to find and stop it? 24:05

Also, from the U.S. Senate to county hall, early voting has begun for the August 30th primaries. A third party presidential candidate comes to town. And how truthful is this political season? 16:42

Plus, it's been almost two years since Broward County voters okayed borrowing \$800 million for public schools, but work has been slow. Yet, leaky roofs, new classrooms and fixing air conditioning persist. We speak with the Broward County Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie. 9:33

## **Aug 28 -**

Zika Infects Local Politics, A Tale of Two Solar Amendments & Real Estate

We bring you the latest information on the developing weather in the Caribbean with Meteorologist Jeff Huffman.

Next, a week after Miami Beach is declared a Zika zone, the virus has infected local politics as new cases are found along the Gulf Coast of Florida. Who exactly is in-charge of getting timely information out to the public? Is it the Governor? Is it the Department of Health? WLRN's Sammy Mack and Jenny Staletovich with the Miami Herald join for this segment. 23:31

Also, voters will decide one of two solar ballot questions next week. So, what's the difference between the two and will they help bring more solar power to the Sunshine State? WLRN's Wilson Sayre and Mary Ellen Klas with the Miami Herald's Tallassee Bureau weigh in. 12:03

Plus, we take a look at South Florida's housing market. It's cooled off considerably this summer. Have we seen a peak in real estate? The Miami Herald's Nicholas Nehamas

and Brian Bandell with the South Florida Business Journal break down the numbers.  
14:40

## **Sept. 4 -**

Zika-positive mosquitoes in Miami Beach, Primary Results & Peace In Colombia

This week, three batches of mosquitoes found in traps in Miami Beach [tested positive for Zika](#). In another important development, the [Florida Department of Health admitted it may take longer for pregnant women to get their Zika test results](#) back. WLRN's health reporter Sammy Mack fills us in on the latest on the Zika epidemic in South Florida.

15:03

And, the races are set: [Senator Marco Rubio versus Representative Patrick Murphy, Representative Carlos Curbelo against Joe Garcia, and Mayor Carlos Gimenez versus Raquel Regalado](#). But turnout in Florida's Primary was low. So what issues will motivate the masses this fall? Miami Herald reporter Patricia Mazzei and CBS4's Jim Defede share their thoughts. 24:01

Plus, [Colombia and the FARC have a peace deal after decades fighting](#). How is it being greeted here? WLRN's Tim Padgett and Miami Herald reporter Jim Wyss, who was just [kicked out of Venezuela before a massive rally](#), join us for that conversation. 10:49

## **Sept 9 -**

Zika Spraying in Miami Beach & U.S. Airlines Fly to Cuba

This week, there is confusion, fear and anger in Miami Beach -- one of two Miami-Dade county zika transmission hot spots. The cause of the public outcry? The pre-dawn aerial spraying for zika-carrying mosquitoes that began this morning. Round two of that spraying is set for Sunday.

But, the battle to fund it is turning into a political chess game in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Senate came back on Tuesday from a seven-week summer recess and failed AGAIN to pass a Zika funding bill. So, how much money does the National Institute of Health have left to fight Zika? The Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci joins WLRN's Kate Stein and Miami Herald reporter Joey Flechas to discuss.

33:46

The promise of the U.S. Department of Transportation is that 110 daily flights operated by US carriers are due to begin flying to the communist island. But will they allow

Cuba's failing economy to get off the ground? WLRN's Tim Padgett and CNN's Havana Bureau Chief Patrick Oppmann share their thoughts. 16:53

## Sep 16 -

The Zika Test Backlog, Tracking Pollution in Biscayne Bay & All Aboard Florida

How much or how *little* the state of Florida is telling the public about the spread of the Zika virus has come [under scrutiny](#). So why are some saying the Florida Department of Health's daily Zika update may not be providing the complete picture?

Also, why is it [taking so long](#) for pregnant women in Florida to get their Zika test results back from the state labs? 16:50

Plus, the sparkling waters of Biscayne Bay are marred by trash, pollution and toxic algae, but how it all gets there remains a mystery. Now [a new project could provide an answer](#). We have the leader in that effort, Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science's Oceanographer Tamay Özgökmen, and Miami Herald environmental reporter Jenny Staletovich to explain the new research. 17:23

And finally, a [federal ruling](#) raises tough questions about the proposed train service between Miami and Orlando. But, will it bring All Aboard Florida to a screeching halt? Florida Bulldog's Ann Henson Feltgen joins us for more. 15:48

## Sept 23 -

NFL Protests Inspire High School Players, Condo Fraud & A Zika-Free Wynwood

When San Francisco backup quarterback Colin Kaepernick started his protest against racial inequality and police brutality by taking a knee during the national anthem, he set off a firestorm.

Since then, players from around the NFL and in other sports have joined in. Four Miami Dolphin players began protesting by taking a knee during the national anthem, led by running back Arian Foster. And it's even made its way to some high school football fields here in South Florida.

Jocelyn Benson, chief executive of the Ross Initiative in Sports Equality; reporter David Hyde from the Sun Sentinel; Jodi Wagner from the Palm Beach Post, and Jeffrey Bell, president of the Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Association, discuss the protest. 25:47

Last year there were almost 2,000 complaints made about improper behavior at condo associations statewide. Those range from financial mismanagement to other irregularities and fraud. And of those 1,908 complaints, more than a third of them were filed in Miami-Dade County.

El Nuevo Herald reporters Enrique Flor and Brenda Medina have worked to bring this issue to light. They share the results of their investigations. 15:22

Earlier this week, Gov. Rick Scott was in Wynwood and made this announcement: The district is Zika-free. Even with that announcement, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention did not lift the travel advisory warning pregnant women about the area...and to avoid mosquitoes.

But since that announcement, has business gotten better in Wynwood? WLRN reporter Sammy Mack and Albert Garcia, vice chair of the Wynwood Business Improvement District, discuss the question. 9:18

### ***The Sunshine Economy***

Each week, host Tom Hudson explores businesses, large and small, public and private, which operate in and serve our South Florida community. Business owners, public officials and others weigh in as the program digs far below the headlines to explore our vibrant and unique economy. The Sunshine Economy is on hiatus over the summer months. The rest of the year this hour long program airs Mondays at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on WLRN.

### **Sept 13 -**

PriceCheck: The Cost of Care in the Sunshine Economy

It has been four months since WLRN launched [Pricecheck](#), an online guide to bring clarity to health care costs in Florida. Along with our partners [WUSF](#) in Tampa and [Health News Florida](#) and with input from our audience, we created a searchable database of prices of common health care procedures and supplies aiming to answer a single question: "How much does it cost?" 48:07

### **Sept 20 -**

Finding Your Place In The Sunshine Economy

"To get out and explore more things," is how Rochnel Jean-Baptiste described her desire to eventually leave Miami after she finishes school. Jean-Baptiste was one of four teenagers who participated in WLRN's 2016 Youth Radio program. It's the most teenage of desires -- to explore more things -- isn't it? 48:00

### **Sept 25 -**

Business And Politics

This is the most contentious campaign season in memory, yet business goes on. Boat repairs, restaurants, banking -- you name it. Commerce continues despite the uncertainty of the election.

The economy consistently ranks as the biggest issue for most Americans. Taxes, regulations, health care, immigration even the combative tone of this election -- does the uncertainty of this election threaten to hurt or help business? We gathered business owners and leaders to hear how business is right now (steady to great), how politics affects their business (little to none) and why economic anxiety is so high. 47:53

### ***The Latin America Report***

Brazilian investors buy Miami real estate. Haitian earthquake survivors attend South Florida schools. It's clear what happens in Latin America and the Caribbean has a profound effect on South Florida.

WLRN's coverage of the region is headed by Americas editor [Tim Padgett](#), a 23-year veteran of TIME and Newsweek magazines. He joins a team of reporters and editors at the Miami Herald, El Nuevo Herald and NPR to cover a region whose cultural wealth, environmental complexity, vast agricultural output and massive oil reserves offer no shortage of important and fascinating stories to tell.

The Latin America Report airs each Tuesday on WLRN.

### **July 11 -**

Can U.S.-Cuba Normalization Save Coral Reefs? On July 4, Scientists Said Sí Señor

Billy Causey has a keen eye for recreational boaters doing dumb things around vulnerable coral reefs in the Florida Keys. Especially on heavy boating holidays like the Fourth of July.

"Lookee there," says Causey as his boat heads out from Big Pine Key. He points to a nearby cluster of party boats. "A lot of them are up on the sea grasses and people are walking around on top of small colonies of coral."

As they pass the party boats, Causey kiddingly warns his guests, "Tomorrow they're coming to Cuba!"

"*No va a pasar*" – It won't happen – says Carlos Alberto Díaz, who heads Cuba's National Center for Protected Areas.

But Díaz and the Cubans know it could happen, especially as more Americans visit the island. That's why Cuba has embarked on a widely applauded project to preserve a quarter of its coastal marine territory. "What they're doing gives me hope," says Causey, who believes the U.S. is learning from Cuba's management plan.

And the U.S. wants to help, via a "sister sanctuaries" pact between preserves like Cuba's Guanahacabibes National Park and the Florida Keys National Marine



Sanctuary. For the first time, U.S. and Cuban scientists are learning each other's marine habitats – and how profoundly they interact.

U.S. and Cuban scientists actually initiated this relationship years before their countries normalized relations. Some might say normalization has aided the scientists – but the scientists might argue they planted the seeds for normalization. 5:00 plus video

## July 18 -

Island Crisis Makes South Florida Puerto Ricans A Fast Growing 'Watchdog' 4:45

Puerto Rico's economic crisis has gotten deeper this summer. This month the U.S. commonwealth defaulted on \$1 billion of debt – and the U.S. Congress approved a federal oversight board to rescue the island.

Puerto Ricans living on the U.S. mainland want a say in how that happens. So they recently created a more unified front called the National Puerto Rican Agenda (NPRA). The group includes a South Florida chapter – which reflects the surprising growth of Florida's Puerto Rican population down here, not just in Central Florida.

## Aug 1 -

Miami Cariocas' Feelings For The Rio Olympics Are Like Feijoada. Very Mixed. 5:00

At a Brazilian restaurant in Doral called Brazuca's, Danilo Leão is whipping up his most popular dish, *feijoada*. Pronounced *fay-ZHWAH-dah*, it's a heavenly stew of black beans, meats and spices created centuries ago by Brazilian slaves.

"Whatever the rich people didn't eat they threw away," Leão tells me as he tosses Brazilian linguça sausage into a simmering pot.

"The slaves mixed it up, everything. That's feijoada. *Very carioca.*"

Carioca. Meaning: from Rio de Janeiro – the iconic Brazilian beach city that's hosting the Summer Olympics starting Friday.

"Rio is unique," says Leão. "I think it's a paradise."

But a problematic paradise. Because Leão and his customers are largely middle class, they worry about how the Olympics will affect poorer Rio residents like those in large slums known as *favelas*. On that score, most cariocas say Rio's leaders failed.

"The majority of the investment that did happen went to already wealthy neighborhoods," Brazilian-born journalist Juliana Barbassa told me from Rio. "A lot of the investment that would have improved the quality of life for lower-income cariocas was not implemented. So the real tragedy here is the missed opportunity. This was supposed to be a different Brazil."

But it's the old Brazil. In fact, these Olympics are taking place amid some of the worst political and economic crises in Brazil's history.

Even so, this is still the Olympics. And they're worth coming to see on Danilo Leão's big-screen TV. While you're eating some really good feijoada.

## Aug 22

### Does Survival In Venezuela Depend on Shippers In Miami? 4:49

The forklift's working overtime at Vikom Export, one of the hundreds of shipping companies nestled in the warehouse labyrinths of Doral, just west of Miami.

Almost all of Vikom's shipments go to Venezuela – and they've doubled since last year. "Food, baby formula, medicine, adult diapers" says Vikom owner and Venezuelan expat Elisaul Herrera as his phone rings off the hook in his office. "Every month it's more, more cargo. Increases constantly."

Vikom customers like Marianela Mendez can tell you why. Mendez is one of thousands of émigrés moving to South Florida to escape increasingly painful food and medicine shortages back in Venezuela.

"There is nothing in Venezuela, nothing," says Mendez, who lives in Coral Gables and edits an expat website, MiamiDiario. "It's madness," says Mendez. "When someone gets sick there I'm frantic trying to find medicines here."

It's the sort of emergency shippers here are having to adjust to. Venezuela's medical scarcities are so acute that South Florida pharmacies have begun accepting prescriptions from doctors in Venezuela – and shippers like Herrera will send those medicines free if they meet a weight limit.

This is a strange new world for the shipping firms. In the old days, Venezuelans came to Miami, bought out our malls and shipped their purchases back home. Retailers here nicknamed them *Dame dos*, or "I'll take two."

Shipping rice and inhalers is less profitable than shipping bedroom sets. So now, says Behrens, the work "is more than business. I mean, it's humanitarian. Yeah, it is."

This month Venezuela re-opened its border with Colombia, which the Venezuelan government had closed last summer. That should bring some relief. But since their currency is so weak, Venezuelans are finding products are too expensive over in Colombia, too.

And so the forklifts in Doral keep loading boxes.

## Aug 30 -

### Miami Colombians Divided Over Peace With A Guerrilla 'Mafia' 4:45

Colombia's protracted peace talks have put a serious dent in President Juan Manuel Santos' approval rating at home – and across the Caribbean.

Santos is probably most unpopular in South Florida, home to the U.S.'s largest Colombian community, which is strongly opposed to peace with Colombia's Marxist guerrillas, known as the FARC.

In a 2014 interview with WLRN, Santos – who has staked his presidential legacy on ending his South American nation's 52-year-old civil war – took a dig at Colombian expats here.

"Many people in South Florida have bought this black propaganda that I am giving the country away to the communists," Santos said. "This is nonsense."

Last Wednesday, after four years of negotiations in Havana, Santos's government and the FARC finally announced a peace accord. It could end the longest – and last – armed conflict in the Americas, one that's killed more than 200,000 people and turned 6 million into refugees.

"This is the end of the tragedy of war for Colombia," Santos said.

But Santos still has to get the agreement through a referendum of Colombian voters, including expats here, on October 2.

## **Sep 5 -**

U.S. Airlines Fly High In Cuba, But The Island's Economy Is Badly Grounded 4:43

There was a lot of celebration – and not a little hype – last week when JetBlue took the first U.S. commercial flight into Cuba in more than 50 years.

It was another big step in the normalization of U.S.-Cuba relations. But beneath all the airborne cheering is the grim reality that Cuba's economic wings have been all but clipped.

Thanks largely to the collapse of its oil-rich ally Venezuela, Cuba's economy is in big trouble – forecast to grow just 1 percent this year if at all.

And if you think Cuba's distress means it will open up to more free-market reforms, think again. It could mean instead that its socialist leadership will dig in its heels.

Few know that better than John Kavulich, president of the U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council in New York. Kavulich has been watching Cuba for more than a quarter century, and he sat down with WLRN to discuss Cuba's crisis – and how it's affecting the new U.S.-Cuba relationship.

## **Sep 26 -**

Miami Professor Helps Answer Why Latin American Journalists Are So Threatened 4:45

In June, Mexican freelance reporter Zamira Esther Bautista was gunned down by a group of hit men at her home in Ciudad Victoria, Mexico.

Her killing has yet to be solved; no one has been arrested.

It was the most recent murder of a journalist in Mexico – the eighth there this year. Across Latin America, 23 journalists have been murdered.

That's a big reason media rights groups this month are urging the U.N. to create a special representative for journalists' protection.

Mexico is hardly Latin America's only dark spot. Honduras is especially bad – and Venezuela now has a rep as a dangerous place for independent journalists.

But he points to a positive trend in Colombia, "including the creation of a protection mechanism whereby journalists who've been threatened have the ability to receive protection, relocation, other kinds of support that keeps them safe."

And as researchers like Hughes keep laying out the realities of violence on journalists, other governments have less excuse not to follow Colombia's example.

## **DECISION FLORIDA - a new presidential election year program**

<http://wlrn.org/programs/decision-florida>

Even by Florida standards this election season has been unprecedented. From the panhandle down the peninsula, the Sunshine State's politics are as hot as the weather. Trump vs. Clinton. The race for the U.S. Senate. New political boundaries and familiar issues: the economy, water, education, guns.

The last time someone was elected President of the United States without winning Florida was 24 years ago. Since then, the state's population has grown by 50 percent. Its economy has more than doubled. And we've added a third NFL team.

Each Friday from Sept. 9 through Nov. 11 between 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. ET, Decision Florida brings the candidates, their political operatives and the top political journalists together to discuss live the 2016 election and hear from Florida voters.

Decision Florida is a collaborative statewide effort by Florida's public radio stations: [WLRN](#), [WJCT](#), [WUSF](#), [WFSU](#), [WQCS](#), [WUFT](#), [WMFE](#), [WUWF](#) and [WGCU](#).

### **Sept 9 -**

In The Showdown Between Trump V. Clinton, Which Strategy Will Win The State?  
49:29

This week in Decision Florida, Scott Arceneaux, senior advisor to the [Hillary Clinton campaign in Florida](#), and Susie Wiles, co-chair of [Donald Trump Florida](#), discuss the approaches of both candidates to win the hearts and minds of voters in the swing state.

Sergio Bustos, senior editor of Politico, and A.G. Gancarski, from FloridaPolitics.com, put Arceneaux and Wiles in context. And callers from across the state shared their perspectives on what each of the presidential candidates has to offer to Floridians.

## **Sept 16 -**

Who Are The Swing Voters In The Sunshine State? 49:23

In 2012, Florida's election results were decided by less than one percent. In 2000, fewer than 600 votes separated the candidates.

Today, Florida remains a swing state, with an especially high number of registered independents. One in four registered voters in the state don't declare any political party, making it the fastest growing political class in Florida. So, who exactly are Florida's swing voters?

Decision Florida hosts Tom Hudson and John Davis from WGCU speak with WMFE News Director Catherine Welch, Washington Post National Correspondent James Hohmann and Asma Khalid, Campaign Reporter for NPR.

And, while the top of the ticket this election year gets plenty of attention, the entire Florida legislature in Florida is up for election. Lawmakers elected in November will inherit a \$77 billion state budget.

## **Sept 23 -**

How This Election Can Impact Our Water And Land 48:28

This week on Decision Florida we talk about the sun, the sand and the water. Yes, really. Florida's environment is one of our biggest assets -- and biggest political issues. From rising seas to water quality, septic tanks to solar power, John Davis from WGCU and Tom Hudson from WLRN host this week's discussion on how the 2016 elections can shape our environment.

Jennifer Granholm, former Michigan governor and Hillary Clinton campaign surrogate, weighs in on how the Democratic candidate sees the threat of climate change and how it can be an economic opportunity for communities in Florida.

Donald Trump campaign surrogate, explains why he has called the Republican presidential candidate "a highly respected environmentalist" and how, in his eyes, the solution to environmental challenges lies in local action instead of more governmental intervention.

Reporters Amy Green, from WMFE-Orlando; Topher Forhecz, from WGCU-Fort Myers, and Jill Roberts, from WQCS-Ft. Pierce, join the conversation to talk about

environmental issues around the state like algae in Lake Okeechobee and Florida's coastlines, septic tanks and the Indian River Lagoon, land conservation and other topics.

## ***#6WordsMiami - A collaboration of WLRN and Miami Book Fair***

<http://wlrn.org/tell-us-story>

WLRN and Miami Book Fair want you to write a short story about South Florida. A very short story -- just 6 words. WLRN and Miami Book Fair are looking for stories about the humidity here, our mango season, and how you're so South Florida. We'll be publishing the best entries from those categories in the coming weeks.

Your six-word story could get you invited to read at the 2016 Miami Book Fair. It may even be chosen for the basis of an improv comedy sketch and performed at the Fair by Villain Theater. Share your story via the form below, or share it on Twitter and Facebook using #6WordsMiami.

### **REPORTING**

**Zika** <http://wlrn.org/topic/zika-south-florida>

South Florida's summer story was clearly Zika once the mosquito-borne virus arrived and began replicating in Miami neighborhoods popular with locals and tourists alike. Coverage of the disease; its symptoms, consequences, testing and treatment as well as efforts to halt transmission, stop mosquitoes from breeding, or whether to deploy GMO mosquitos from the Keys to the Treasure Coast all were part of our reporting. Listeners were kept up to date on government activities and failures, secrecy and announcements as the health scare evolved and one of our pregnant reporters was at risk of having contracted the disease. Reaction to chemical spraying, mosquito trap locations that revealed new locations, reports of its economic effect and now, a case of locally-acquired dengue, another mosquito-transmitted disease, continue into the fall.

**Gun Violence** <http://wlrn.org/term/gun-violence>

WLRN is looking at the impact of gun violence, particularly on children and teens killed by guns in Miami-Dade County, through the voices of some of the people who are most affected. Coverage also addresses access to guns and survivors.

Father Remembers Tequila Forshee, 12-Year Old Unintended Victim Of Gun Violence - 9/26/16 3:18

Nearly One Month After 8-Year Old Killed: 'We Need Justice For Jada' - 9/23/16

Planning The Funeral For 8-Year-Old Jada Page: 'I Cried And Worked' - 9/17/16 3:54

Family, Friends Of Jada Page Ask The Community To Turn In Her Killers - 9/5/16

Study: Restricting Gun Access For Mentally Ill Would Reduce Suicide, Not Homicide - 6/7/16

Three Years Ago, a Drive-by Threatened His Life; This Week, He Graduates High School - 6/2/16 :59

**Education** <http://wlrn.org/category/education>

Education continues to be a highly valued beat at WLRN with a dedicated reporter and curated state and national stories addressing key topics and trends on air and online. This summer's WLRN generated stories included the impact of a for-profit college's closing, school start times versus students biological time, school board policy, poverty and school rankings, and more.

For Students of Shuttered ITT Technical Institute, A Choice Between Lost Money or Lost Time - 9/18/15 4:10

For-Profit College Closes Abruptly, Leaving A Stream of Anxious Students in its Wake - 9/7/16 1:07

Schools Supply Lists Ask Parents For Items For Students -- And Teachers - 9/5/16

Sleepless In High School: Why Does The Bell Ring So Early? - 8/21/16 4:16

Beyoncé, Drake And 200 Teens Learning How To Be A Marching Band - 7/27/16 1:13

Don't Say My Name Unless You're Saying Thank You - 7/24/16 4:13

A Principal Reflects On The Stigma Of Florida's "Lowest 300" Schools List - 7/17 1:32

Why school grades measure poverty as much as student performance - 7/11/16 1:11

Attention, Monroe County Students: If You Pass This Class You Get A Free Laptop - 7/11/16

How to Teach Climate Change Without Terrifying Your Students - 7/10/16 3:49

Palm Beach School Administrator Pads Resume, Creates Firestorm as Incoming Pittsburgh Superintendent - 6/22/16 2:09

Ending Out-Of-School Suspensions Is Still A Pending Assignment For Miami-Dade - 6/14/16 3:58

People Like Me Don't Shake Hands Like You're Supposed To: Lessons From The Teenage Job Search- 6/14/16 3:54

Jeb Bush Is Back, Pushing Florida-Style Ed Reform For The Nation 6/13/16 1:25

Three Years Ago, a Drive-by Threatened His Life; This Week, He Graduates High School - 6/2/16 :59

**Environment** <http://wlrn.org/term/environment>

Water, wind, wilderness, flora, fauna and food reflect South Florida's distinctive environment and ecosystem. WLRN's environmental reporter came aboard in late May and immediately was immersed in the summer's combined health and environmental stories of toxic blue green algae and disease carrying mosquitoes in addition to FPL's cooling canals problem. Our staff's stories included

A \$10 Million Prize to Curb Toxic Algae - 7/20/16 1:23

Surf Shop Petition To Stop 'Big Sugar' Sales Gains Traction - 7/11/16

Banner Breeding Year For Threatened Bird Means More Birds Falling From Rooftops - 6/22/16 1:35

State Senator: Get Cooling Canal Fix Right - 6/6/16

**Youth Radio** <http://wlrn.org/topic/youth-radio>

Each summer WLRN's youth radio program mentors and trains student interns through the process of producing professional news features for radio broadcast. This includes formulating a story pitch, reporting, research, identifying and interviewing sources, writing for radio, and mixing basic audio elements.

In addition to producing their own stories, interns learn the fundamentals of journalism in a working newsroom from professionals in the fields of radio, print, photography and



digital journalism. Interns learn about finding stories, reporting with accuracy and fairness, and how to be a critical news consumer.

WLRN Youth Radio Institute is part of Urgent, Inc.'s FACE Summer Youth Training Employment Program, which provides hands-on real world training for youth between the ages of 16-24. The program provides an opportunity to acquire or advance professional skills to individuals who might not otherwise get the opportunity.

When Gentrification Happened To Me - 8/31/15 4:10

Why Is School Lunch Gross - 8/23/16 4:50

Do I Have A Right To A Classroom Education? - 8/22/16 4:28

What Are Spanish Limes? - 8/3/16 4:19

Who Touched My Park? - 8/3/16 4:16

Mr Levi - 7/28/16 :49

**College Interns** <http://wlrn.org/term/wlrn-interns>

WLRN invests in developing young journalists throughout the year by regularly interviewing and selecting college students interested in developing their skills in a newsroom that trains them as professional journalists in a few months. They are paid during their stint at the stations and emerge from the experience with increased confidence, skill, knowledge and portfolios of their work. Meet this summer's interns, explore their group project, and enjoy these select samples of their work.

<http://wlrn.org/post/wlrn-summer-interns-share-their-slice-south-florida> - 9/1/16

<http://nationalparks.wlrn.org/>

<http://wlrn.org/post/covering-rnc-intern-essay> - 6/27/16

<http://wlrn.org/post/first-time-cuba-personal-essay-second-generation-cuban> - 8/10 7:06

<http://wlrn.org/post/la-hillary-arrived-wynwood-looking-younger-demographic> - 7/13 1:22

<http://wlrn.org/post/floating-home-activist-vows-stay-riviera-beach-even-after-his-home-sunk-twice> - 9/6/16 4:17

Arthur F Burns Fellow -

WLRN was the beneficiary of a German reporter's two month stint in South Florida courtesy of the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship program. Now in its 28th year, this prestigious program offers highly skilled journalists from both sides of the Atlantic the opportunity to travel and report from each other's countries. Through this exchange, participants learn and share professional skills with one another, and gain experience working abroad as "foreign correspondents" for their home news organizations. Mareike Aden is a multi-lingual German freelance reporter for TV, radio and print media. She speaks Russian, Spanish and English as well as her native language. Mareike primarily works for the largest publicly funded broadcast outlet in Europe. This year she spent several weeks in London covering Brexit - the campaign, the referendum and its aftermath. Previously, Mareike was a Moscow-based correspondent for Deutsche Welle, Germany's international broadcast service, from post-Soviet countries. Working out of WLRN studios, Mareike filed stories for us as well as for her European outlets. Her story on the last surviving Nuremberg prosecutor advocating for laws over wars airs in October.

<http://wlrn.org/post/praise-trump-sunny-isles-little-moscow> - 8/9/16 3:56

<http://wlrn.org/post/one-dish-one-story-medovik-yuri> - 8/16/16

<http://wlrn.org/post/libertarian-presidential-candidate-talks-cuba-policy-versailles> - 8/18 1:04

<http://wlrn.org/post/one-dish-one-story-quesadillas-barbara> - 8/22

<http://wlrn.org/post/vp-nominee-kaine-blasts-scott-and-trump-tries-charm-local-mayors-8/29/16> :57

<http://wlrn.org/post/cold-war-foes-reconnected-historic-flight-fort-lauderdale-santa-clara-cuba> 8/31/16 1:09

<http://wlrn.org/post/clintons-campaign-manager-we-are-all-florida> - 9/4/16

<http://wlrn.org/post/senator-rubio-troubled-zika-iran-and-trumps-ongoing-putin-praise> 9/9/16 :33 and :28

<http://wlrn.org/post/one-dish-one-story-mole-oscar> - 9/13/16

